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POLLUTION CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL UNITS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various industrial units causing pollution including lead pollution along with the quantity of hazardous wastes generated by them;

(b) the details of the policy framework for management and disposal of hazardous wastes causing pollution to the environment; and

(c) the details of campaigns organized by the Government to create awareness amongst people about health hazards associated with hazardous wastes including lead generated by the industrial units?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) As reported by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), there are 41523 number of industries causing pollution due to 79,03,628 Metric Tons / year of hazardous waste generated by them, including waste generated from processing of secondary lead by 438 numbers of registered recycling units.

(b) The Government of India has notified following rules for management, handling and disposal of hazardous waste generating industries including lead recycling industries:

i. Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundry Movement) Rules, 2008

ii. Batteries (Management & Handling) Rules, 2001

As per HW (M, H & TM) Rules, 2008, every person who is engaged in generation and processing of the hazardous waste is required to take authorization from the concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) for generation, processing, packaging, treatment, collection, storage, transportation, use, sale, transfer and disposed of hazardous waste only in such facilities as authorized by the concerned SPCB.

The Batteries (M & H) Rules, 2001 stipulate responsibilities to manufacturers, importers, assemblers, bulk consumers, dealers and reconditioners to ensure that used lead acid batteries are collected and channelized to registered recyclers for its environmentally sound recycling.

(c) The CPCB and the State Pollution Control Boards are organising National / State level workshops / seminars to create awareness amongst people about health hazards associated with hazardous wastes including lead generated by the industrial units. The CPCB had also organized a special programme on "Paryavaran Darshan" during 2009-11 for mass awareness on environment pollution.